



Outpatient Coverage for Monoclonal Antibody Treatment: Frequently Asked Questions

The following frequently asked questions will prepare providers for common questions about monoclonal antibody treatment coverage.

Q: What is the cost of the monoclonal antibody products to the patient?

A: Because the federal government has purchased a supply of monoclonal antibody treatments, there is no cost to the patient for the antibody product itself. However, it is possible there may be administration costs related to providing the infusion. Many patients will bear no costs for infusion administration.

Q: Is infusion administration covered by Medicare?

A: Yes. Medicare is covering costs for infusion administration. Learn more about Medicare coverage of the treatment here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-infographic-coverage-monoclonal-antibody-products-treat-covid-19.pdf>

Additional CMS guidance on coding, billing, and reimbursement can be found here:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/monoclonal-antibody-covid-19-infusion>

Q: Is infusion administration covered by Medicaid?

A: Medicaid coverage of infusion cost varies by state. Learn more on page 2 here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-infographic-coverage-monoclonal-antibody-products-treat-covid-19.pdf>

Q: Is infusion administration covered by commercial insurance plans?

A: For patients covered under commercial insurance plans, costs of infusion may vary, but many large insurers are waiving all costs. Patients should check with their health plan to determine whether the patient will bear any administration costs.

Q: What about patients who do not have insurance?

A: If patients do not have insurance, they should ask the treatment facility if there are charges for receiving the infusion.

Additional Resources

Payment Allowances and Effective Dates for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies and their Administration During the Public Health Emergency: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/covid-19-vaccines-and-monoclonal-antibodies>

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